# COVID-19 Day 856 Press Update

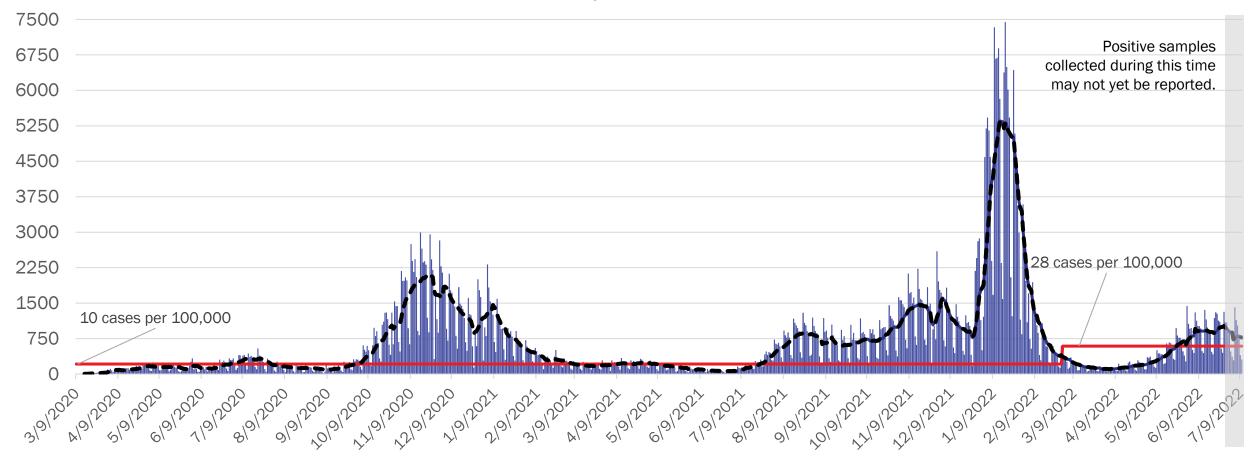
July 14, 2022

DOH Acting Secretary David R. Scrase, M.D., M.H.S.A.



#### State and National Case Rates are Showing an Increase

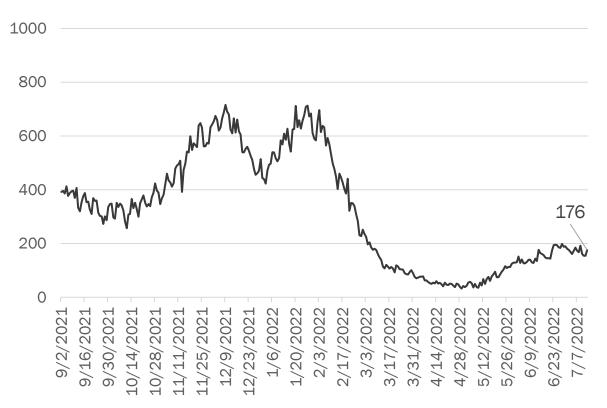
NM COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection July 11, 2022



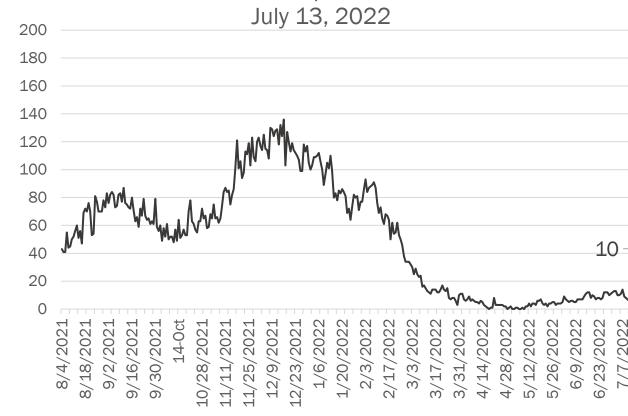


### **COVID-19-related Hospitalization Rates Have Plateaued (5.6% on Ventilation)**

COVID-19 Positive Patients In NM Hospitals
July 13, 2022

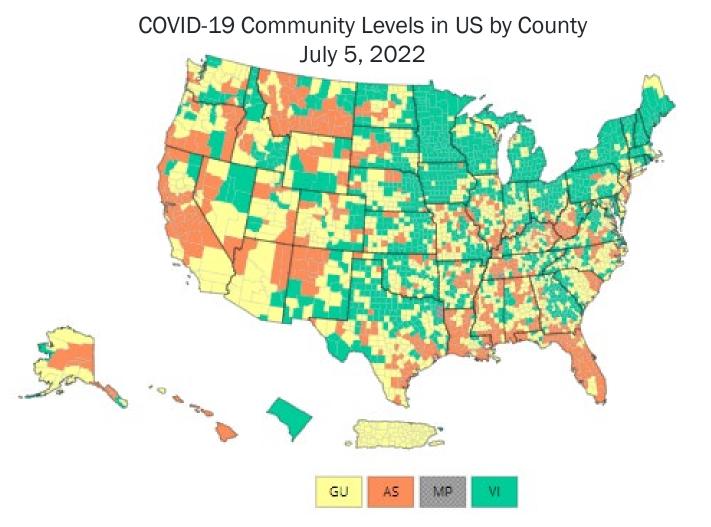


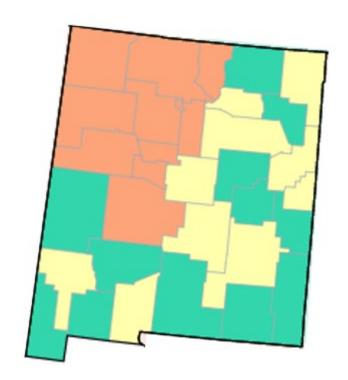






#### CDC COVID-19 Community Levels





NM COVID-19 Community Level	Current Week 05/27/22 – 07/05/22 # of Counties (%)	
Low	12 (36.3%)	
Medium	10 (30.3%)	
High	11 (33.3%)	

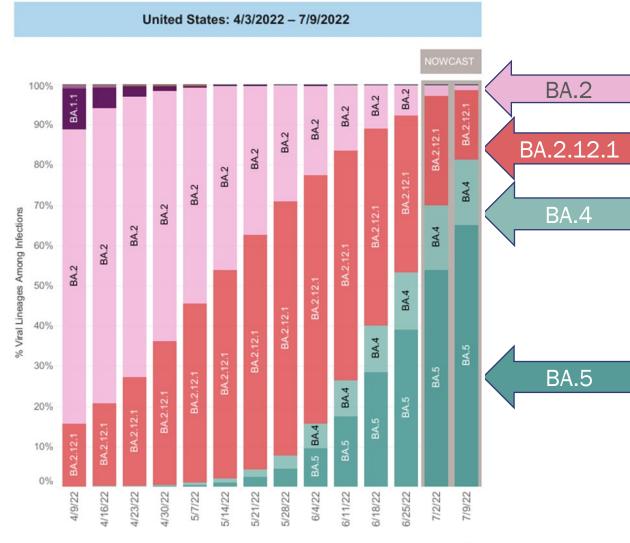


https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list\_select\_state=all\_states&list\_select\_county=all\_counties&data-type=CommunityLevels

### **BA.5** has Emerged as Dominant Variant

- CDC Director
   Walensky said
   last week that
   BA.5 and BA.4
   variants
   together
   accounted for
   more than 80%
   of circulating
   variants, with
   BA.4 making
   up 16%.
- In NM, BA.4
   and BA.5 are
   making up
   >50% of cases.

	Omicron B.1.1.529	Omicron BA.5
Originated In	S. Africa	S. Africa
Detected by Routine Testing?	Yes	Yes
Spread Rate	3.5-8.2x	18x?
Resistance to Treatment	Yes	Yes
Resistance to Vaccine	No	No
Peak percentage in New Mexico	100%	33%
Current Percentage Estimate	0%	33%





# New Mexicans ≥6 Months are Eligible for the COVID-19 Vaccine

- Vaccinations underway for 6 mo-4-year-olds.
- Visit vaccinenm.org or vaccines.gov to book an appointment today.

Age Group	At Least One Dose	Primary Series Completed	Primary Series With One Booster Dose	Primary Series With More Than One Booster Dose
6mo-4yr	2,464 (2.3%)	N/A	N/A	N/A
5-11	74,914 (40.0%)	60,772 (32.5%)	6,984 (11.5%)*	N/A
12-17	118,448 (70.3%)	102,870 (61.0%)	36,230 (28.5%)*	N/A
18+	1,505,152 (91.7%)	1,299,627 (79.1%)	797,843 (61.4%)*	188,254 (14.5%)*
65+	419,650 (99.0%)	373,543 (95.2%)	280,210 (75.0%)*	122,052 (32.7%)*



https://vaccinenm.org/public-dashboard.html 7/13/22 \*Booster percentages are based on the population of individuals eligible for a

#### Our Community is Safer When We Do Our Part.

- Know the <u>COVID-19 Community Level</u> where you live.
  - Follow the CDC guidance for Low, Medium and High levels.
- Get vaccinated.
  - Stay up-to-date on vaccines and boosters.
- Get tested.
  - At the first sign of symptoms.
- Get treated.
  - Seek treatment right away, even if you have one risk factor.
- Get a well-fitting mask.
  - Masks are effective and provide an extra layer to safeguard.

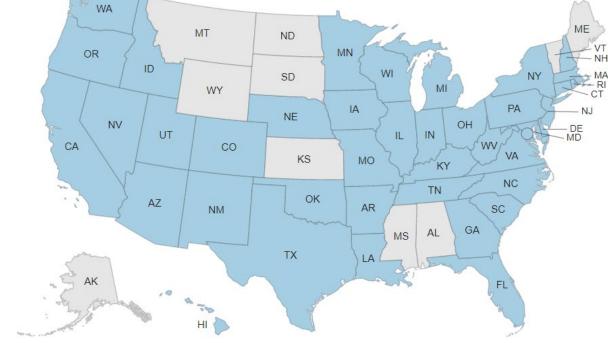




### Most US States Now Have Confirmed Monkeypox Cases, Including New Mexico

- Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus (part of the same family of viruses that cause chickenpox).
- Monkeypox was discovered in 1958 when two outbreaks of a pox-like disease occurred in colonies of monkeys kept for research.
- Prior to the 2022 outbreak, monkeypox had been reported in people in several countries.

US States with Confirmed Monkey Pox Case(s) July 12, 2022 MT ND OR









# Be Aware of Rashes, Visit your Healthcare Provider if you Develop Symptoms

- Monkeypox symptoms start within 21 days of being exposed.
- Infection starts with flu like symptoms and then progresses to rash or sores.
- Anyone with a rash that looks like monkeypox should talk to their healthcare provider, even if they don't think they had contact with someone who has monkeypox.
- The monkeypox incubation period can be up to 21-days.

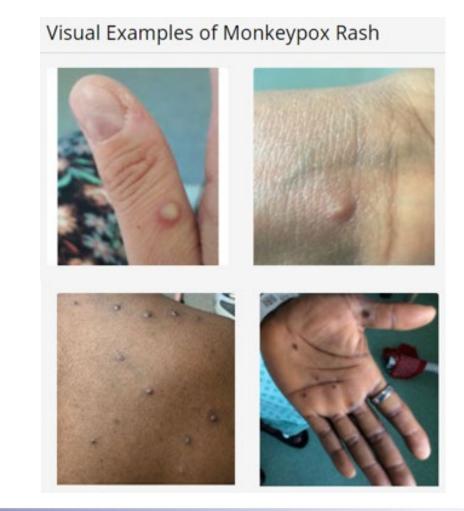
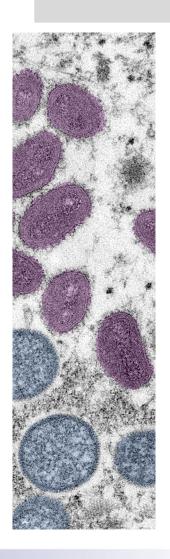




Photo Credit: NHS England High Consequence Infectious Diseases Network

### **Everyone Should Take Steps to Protect Themselves from Monkeypox**

- Monkeypox can be spread from the time symptoms start until the rash has fully healed and a fresh layer of skin has formed; this can take several weeks.
- Avoid close, skin-to-skin contact with people who have a rash that looks like monkeypox. Do not touch the rash or scabs of a person with monkeypox.
- Avoid kissing, hugging, cuddling, or having sex with someone with monkeypox.
- Avoid sharing eating utensils or cups with a person with monkeypox.
- Avoid or touching the bedding, towels, or clothing of a person with monkeypox.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.





# Monkeypox Vaccines are Available but Limited in Supply

- JYNNEOS is an FDA approved vaccine for prevention of smallpox and monkeypox disease in adults 18+.
- Two doses, given four weeks apart.
- In the US, there is currently a limited supply of JYNNEOS, although more is expected in coming weeks and months.
- Due to confirmed cases, New Mexico now allocated 362 doses = 181 vaccine series.







### Thank You